

Aircrew Clothing



Mission

Enhance aircrew comfort and provide flash fire protection during flight, pre-flight, post-flight, refueling, and other aviation operations in a two-piece flight suit and a set of components or layers suitable for cold weather wear.

Description and Specifications

The **Improved Aircrew Battle Dress Uniform (IABDU)** is a two-piece camouflage flight uniform that is functional during normal operations and protects against flash fires. The design is similar to the Battle Dress Uniform but includes an additional left sleeve pocket, lower-leg pockets, and slide fastener or hook-and-pile closures to meet aviator-specific needs. Color-compatible with ground Soldier uniforms, it provides the flexibility needed for field operations when arming and refueling helicopters and during escape and evasion situations.

The **IABDU** was modified to meet the needs of the Air Warrior (AW) program by adding shoulder and elbow patches, a chest area pass-through for the AW microclimate cooling vest air hose, and a knife pocket on the inner left trouser leg. The ABDU/IABDU is made from a plain weave cloth in a blend of 92 percent Nomex, 5 percent Kevlar, and 3 percent static dissipative fiber. It is currently available in both woodland camouflage and a solid color, Tan 380.